



# The Bobcat

October 2015



## Bobcats of the Month

### Andrew Harrison

I would like to thank Andrew Harrison for his help this summer getting the chromebooks and computers ready for this school year. Andrew volunteered nearly 40 hours of his time to help. He showed up everyday with a great attitude ready to work. He also went with Mr. Hinman and Mr. Keeney this summer to Reinke Manufacturing in Deshler, NE. There he helped fly the schools drone to capture video that the Company will use in advertising and commercials. On this trip he showed great integrity and work ethic and for these reasons I would like to nominate Andrew for the "Bobcat of the Month".

Mr. Keeney

### Maci Walz

Maci shows great leadership by following classroom directions. She is kind to her friends and respectful to her teachers.

Mrs. Hickenbottom



### Seth Pearson

Seth began the school year with an "I can do this" attitude. He has put his best effort into his class work, meeting each challenge as it comes along. His extra-curricular activities of football and high school rodeo enable him to learn valuable lessons outside the classroom. Seth is easy going and fun loving with his classmates and respectful to his teachers. He is quick with a "Thank you" for assistance along the way. So, for that, I would say, "Thank YOU, Seth!"

Mrs. Phelps



### Cheyenne Hicks

I would like to nominate her because of her work ethic and attitude toward school. She gives it her all every single day, no matter what the task. Her attitude towards school is commendable. I am so thrilled to have her in fourth grade.

Mrs. Rush

## Fishing Trip



Fishing is a popular outdoor activity in Nebraska, and is now also a part of the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade Physical Education Curriculum at Callaway Public School. Over the summer Mr. Rush became a certified fishing

Instructor which allows him to teach the Youth Fishing Program through the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. The NGPC Youth Fishing Program encompasses a variety of activities that support youth in learning how and where to fish in Nebraska. The program activities are designed to introduce kids to fishing in a safe, ethical, and enjoyable manner. Certified instructors teach fishing basics

such as Casting & Fishing Techniques, Equipment & Knot Tying, Fish Identification & Biology, and Fishing Ethics & Regulations. The 4th-6th grade students had the opportunity to go to a local pond and fish. It was an enjoyable experience for all. The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission also provided the supplies to carry over the education into the art room with Mrs. Campbell. The students had the opportunity to create a work of art utilizing

a form of printmaking called Gyotaku. Gyotaku is the ancient form of documenting a catch by painting your fish and rubbing a piece of paper over the painted fish and making a print of it. This is often referred to as "Fish Rubbing". The Youth Fishing Program provides the opportunity for students to learn that fishing is a fun life-time activity and we were excited to bring it to our students in Callaway.

Mr. Rush & Mrs. Campbell



## The First of the Lasts

### By Amber Ross

As a senior, there are many "lasts." For instance, the last day, the last prom, the last class, the last grade, and the last first day. On August 17th, 2015, I started my last year of school. My whole class was excited to start our senior year. The first day was pretty routine; we've been doing the same thing for the first day since we were in 7th grade. Starting your senior year is very different than every other year, the atmosphere is different when you are "at the top of the food chain." When you are a senior the teachers have more respect for you and trust you more. You can also, feel the elementary kids and the underclassmen looking up to you. As a senior, you can pick more of your classes and you are able to spend time working on college applications, and scholarships.

There are some things I'm not looking forward to as a senior: scholarships, applying to colleges, and leaving my friends. Scholarships are time consuming and frustrating. Applying to colleges can be stressful because there is no guarantee that you will get accepted. Leaving my friends will be hard because I have been with some of them since preschool, so it will be weird not seeing them everyday. Some of the things I am looking forward to this year are homecoming, prom, and graduation (naturally). Homecoming is a chance to start the year off right. Our senior prom is one last chance for us to be together. Graduation is the day all our hard work in high school pays off. There are many fears, trials, and successes in your senior year and I am excited to start my last year. I am looking forward to all the "lasts" that this year has in store for me. As we go through all of these "lasts," we will remember our "firsts."

## Art Club Window Painting for Homecoming

This was the 2nd year that the Callaway Art Club members painted local business windows downtown to show support for homecoming. Again, this year we made an agreement with the businesses that if we won the Friday night football game they washed the windows and if we lost we would come back the following week to wash. As you already know WE WON so the businesses are taking care of washing the windows. Many businesses have let us know that they are going to get more mileage out of their windows and plan on keeping up the paintings for a while longer. We really appreciate the support and thank them all for letting us get out into the community and sharing our school pride!



## Box Tops



The Sixth Graders of Callaway Elementary and Cassie Anderson are coordinating the Box Tops for Education. The sixth graders are helping to collect and count the Box Tops. The class is continuing this project from last year's 6th grade class. The goal is to earn another Smartboard.

Each Box Top is worth \$.10, and the goal is \$1000.00. Mrs. Pitkin thinks we can earn even more with your help. Every Friday the class is picking up the Box tops from each class in the elementary and counting them. Cassie Anderson will then submit them to the program.

Anyone in the community that is willing to help, can turn in their Box Tops to the office. We appreciate your participation!

We are also doing Campbell Soup labels.



Homecoming was a very busy week this year. Besides the ball games and activities, the students also got to take the MAP test on Wednesday.

Students always look forward to dressing up each day of the week. Monday began with "Sharpie Day", kids wore T-shirts and had students sign their names on their shirts. Tuesday was color war-day; some kids went to the extreme of coloring their hair to painting extremities. Wednesday was a relaxing day for dress

attire "pajama day" which was nice due to students testing all day. If you were at the school on Thursday you would have seen all kinds of "characters". Then Friday was "Spirit Day" wearing school colors. Thursday at noon each class preformed their skit that the classes had prepared. At the end of the week points were tallied for each class for dressing up,

skirts and posters. The juniors and seniors tied, so both classes earned candy.

Activities during the week included the kids spending two class periods decorating an area of the school, writing and practicing a skit on Tuesday. A pizza supper was enjoyed by

students, parents and faculty followed by a dodge ball tournament in the city park on Tuesday evening. Thursday the Volleyball team played at Arnold and took down the Mullen Lady Broncos, and Friday the football team stomped Maxwell.

After the football game the seniors were all announced and royalty was crowned. Callaway's 2015 king and queen are Lafayette Loper and Shaelynn Laible. The students enjoyed a dance following the football game in Arnold.



## **First Day**

### **By Jorey Dauel**

My first day at Callaway Public School was definitely more interesting than you'd think. Callaway might be the smallest school I have ever stepped foot into. I enjoyed meeting new people, being around new teachers, and being able to watch how they teach so much more differently than the teachers do in Texas. Callaway School has caring and sweet teacher's as well as the student body. The work in each school is a lot alike but the teachers here at Callaway do a great job at trying to make it more fun.

For example, everyone here is very friendly and they're just genuinely nice people. Most of the student body are very complementary. I have never felt so accepted into a community until I moved to Callaway. So far I have learned that everyone here is very accepting and they love to show new people how amazing and great they are as a community. The teachers here do such an amazing job with their students. They actually take the time to make sure that each student understands what they're teaching and I definitely appreciate and respect that.

Also I have learned that when things begin to get rough this community comes together like a family. I am truly amazed at how much these people care for one another. I am definitely grateful to be able to call Callaway my home, and I am even more lucky that there is never a dull moment in this school or community. I am thrilled that I'm able to experience this with everyone here at Callaway Public School.

## **Mr. Beavers**

### **By Cassy Coons**

The Music room has changed this year. Do you know why? It is because we got a new music teacher, Mr. Brenner Beavers, from Tekamah, Nebraska. He has a wife and three kids. His wife teaches Sophomore and Senior English at Tekamah-Herman High School. She is also the One Act, Speech, and Academic Decathlon coach. His oldest girl is five and her name is Mariana. His two youngest girls are twins their names are Kira and Alice; they are three.

Mr. Beavers grew up in Tekamah, and that is where he did his K-12 education. His high school growing up was a decent size; there were 47 kids in his class. They were class C1 in most activities. In high school, Mr. Beavers was on the football team and golf team for three years. He was also in band and choir. In band he played the baritone in high school. In choir he sang in the bass range.

Mr. Beavers went to college at Wesleyan. His favorite college experience was marching band. When the marching band would work really hard to get everything put together for a show, like the movement when they are marching and getting the crowd excited was fun for him. That's also where he met most of his college friends. Mr. Beavers even met his wife through marching band. His least favorite part of college was lecture classes.

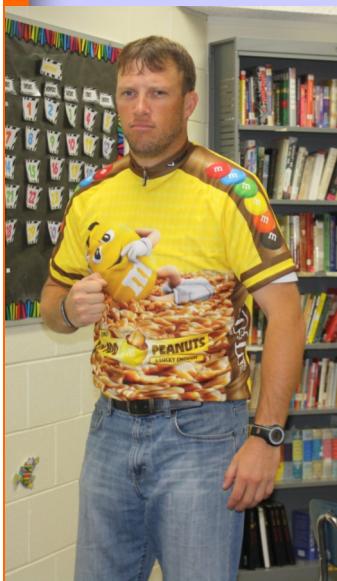
When he was growing up he always knew that he wanted to be a teacher. His aunts were teachers when he was growing up and seeing them do what they did is what made him want to be a teacher. His plans for this school year are play music, build the program and make people in the community more interested in what we're doing. Mr. Beavers wants the kids to do good and have confidence in what they do. He likes when kids come and ask him for help. He is here to guide us kids. He wants to build confidence to perform. Doing that takes time and a large quantity of strength to perform for an audience.

Before he got this job, he was working full time as management at Gamestop in Fremont, Omaha, and Sioux City. Some of the many things he did before that he was a full time para, a stay at home dad and a 5-12 band director at Oakland Craig.



## Crows Nest Facelift

Callaway Art students had the opportunity to give the crows nest a facelift. Each student drew up a design proposal and Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Rush and coaches voted on their favorite. The winning proposal was designed by Savannah Weverka. Savannah along with other art students measured, drew, and painted the crows nest in less than 2 weeks. The clean design and added pop of color is a great addition out on our field.



## FCCLA Kicks-Off 3<sup>rd</sup> Year at CHS!

The Callaway Chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) kicks-off its 3<sup>rd</sup> year after reactivation in 2013. FCCLA began with a very popular Ice Cream Social on August 24. The Ice Cream Social was open to everyone in grades 7-12 to come and enjoy a game and ice cream. Little did they know they were also learning about FCCLA and are given the opportunity to know more about the career student organization. Membership is open to any student grades 7-12 who have taken or are taking a Family and Consumer Sciences course. This year's dues are \$20 and include district, state and national affiliation, copies of *Teen Times* and the *Red Leader*, and entry into the District Leadership Conference in October.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. FCCLA has over 200,000 members and over 5,500 chapters from 50 state associations, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The organization has involved more than ten million youth since its founding in 1945.

The 2014-2015 Officers include: Emily Kimball, President; Amber Ross, Vice President; Isaac Stallbaumer, Secretary & Financial Manager; Lucy Kimball, Vice President of Communications & Publicity; Hannah Pearson, Vice President of STAR, Noah Edgington, District 10 Public Relations Officer, and Mrs. Kelli Walz, Chapter Adviser.

Upcoming FCCLA events include:

October 14 ~ District Leadership Conference- North Platte

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## BOXHOLDER

### **Spending Time in the Kindergarten Room** **By Olivia Paulsen**



This year the Creative Reading and Writing class visits the kindergarten room every other Friday. We have gone to their classroom three times this year. So far we have read to them and helped them with learning letters and writing them. Going to the kindergarten room is something my class enjoys a lot. Seeing little faces filled with energy is a nice way to end our busy, chaotic week. It even reminds us to have fun too. It's not every day that you can take time out of your day to be a little kid again! The kids are always making cute projects that go with their daily lesson. My personal favorite was when Mrs. Ross had them color a cow and  brand them with the child's initials! You know

you live in a small town when a kindergarten project is about branding cattle! I hope we can teach these young bodies much more this year, and maybe, they might just teach us something too!